

Application No. 09/938,947
Amendment dated November 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14, and 24-30 are pending. Claims 1-7, 15-23, and 31-71 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 8-14, and 24-30 contain allowable subject matter. By the above amendments, claims 8-14, and 24-30 have been placed into condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of claims 8-14, and 24-30 is respectfully requested. All other claims have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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